

**Maine Department of Education
Stakeholder Groups and Report Backs
from Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature**

LD 1563, Resolve 2009, Chapter 154 - *Resolve, To Develop Model Academic Year Calendars*

Organizations	Appointees	Summary	Action Required	Meeting Schedules (Dates, Places & Times)	Contact
Superintendents CTE Regional Directors CTE Center Directors		<p>Directs the Commissioner to establish a working group of K-12 school officials, primarily Superintendents and Career and Technical Education Directors, to prepare draft academic year calendars that account for regional differences within the State. The Commissioner is to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs with recommendations by February 11, 2011.</p> <p>The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has the authority to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.</p>	<p>The Commissioner will establish the working group by August 1, 2010. The working group will report recommendations to the Commissioner by December 15, 2010 who will in turn report recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by February 15, 2011.</p> <p>Informational Letter to Superintendents by August 1, 2010.</p>	<p>Meetings are being scheduled for August, September, November, and December, 2010.</p> <p>The meetings will be announced when confirmed. Future meetings will be announced when scheduled with updates to meet the benchmarks of the action required.</p>	Wanda Monthey

**Maine Department of Education
Stakeholder Groups and Report Backs
from Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature**

LD 1658, Public Law 2009, Chapter 626 - *An Act To Increase Maine's High School Graduation Rates*

Organizations	Appointees	Summary	Action Required	Meeting Schedules (Dates, Places & Times)	Contact
Maine School Board's Association -	Phyllis Shubert	Establishes the goal of the State to achieve a 90% graduation rate by the end of the 2016 school year.	Informational Letter to Superintendents by June 15, 2010.	The first meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2010, 9-11:00 a.m., room 105 Burton Cross State Office Building. Other meetings will be announced as they are scheduled with updates to meet the benchmarks of the actions required.	Wanda Monthey Shelley Reed
Maine School Superintendent's Association -	Susan Pratt	Requires the Commissioner to provide technical assistance to public secondary schools that haven't attained a graduation rate of 80% by the end of the 2012-2013 school year. These public schools also must submit an action plan to achieve a graduation rate of 90% by the end of the 2015-2016 school year.	The Commissioner has requested letters of appointment from the stakeholder group associations. The stakeholder group will be convened in June, 2010 and report the findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by November 1, 2010.		
Maine Education Association -	Michael Thurston				
Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities -	Dominic DePatsy				
Maine Principals' Association -	Gus LeBlanc Mary Martin	The Commissioner shall establish a stakeholder group to review guidelines for suspensions, expulsions and reinstatements, truancy and dropouts, increased graduation rates, zero tolerance practices, maximum mandatory attendance age, and the effectiveness of current truancy laws.	The Department will begin the rulemaking process regarding the method to calculate graduation rates by August 1, 2010.	August 13, 2010, 9:00-4:00 Room 105 September 13, 2010, 9:00-4:00 Room 105 September 28, 2010, 2:00-5:00 Room 105	
Maine School Counselor Association -	Beth Michalak				
Secondary School Attendance Coordinator -	Sophia Payson				
Elementary School Teacher or Administrator -	James Morse				
Maine Civil Liberties Union -	Brianna Twofoot	The Department of Education shall submit provisionally adopted major substantive rules specifying the method used to calculate graduation rates for publicly supported secondary schools to the First Session of the 125th Legislature by			
Centro Latino Maine -	Blanca Santiago				
Carlton Project -	Al Morris				
Pine Tree Legal-KIDS	Sara Meerse				

**Maine Department of Education
Stakeholder Groups and Report Backs
from Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature**

Organizations	Appointees	Summary	Action Required	Meeting Schedules (Dates, Places & Times)	Contact
LEGAL – University of Maine - Muskie School of Public Service - Chester and Vestal, PA - Superintendent of Schools RSU 4 - Drummond Woodsum and MacMahan - Spurwink, Jurisdictional Team Planning – Jobs for Maine’s Graduates Principal Katahdin Middle / High School	Jim Artesani Michael Brennan Ned Chester James Hodgkin Melissa Hewey Roy Siegfriedt Elaine Miller Rae Bates	January 14, 2011. The stakeholder group shall report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by November 1, 2010. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may make recommendations to the Commissioner at an interim meeting or to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs of the First Session of the 125th Legislature.			

**Maine Department of Education
Stakeholder Groups and Report Backs
from Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature**

LD 1686, Resolve 2009, Chapter 182 - Resolve, To Clarify the Reporting of Debt Service Costs and the Allowance of Minor Capital School Improvement Projects Costs under Essential Programs and Services (EMERGENCY)

Organizations	Appointees	Summary	Action Required	Meeting Schedules (Dates, Places & Times)	Contact
<p>Maine School Superintendent's Association -</p> <p>Maine Association of School Business Officials -</p> <p>Maine School Board's Association -</p> <p>Other parties as appointed by the Commissioner</p>	<p>Members will be appointed by August 1, 2010</p>	<p>Directs the Commissioner to convene a stakeholder group which is to include representation from the Maine School Superintendents Association (MSSA), the Maine Association of School Business Officials (MASBO), the Maine School Boards Association (MSBA), and any other interested party determined by the Commissioner, to review current state law related to recognizing, funding and approving non-state funded debt service costs for minor capital improvement projects.</p> <p>The Commissioner is to report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 15, 2011. The Education Committee is authorized to present a bill to the First Session of the 125th Legislature.</p>	<p>The Department will establish and convene the stakeholder group by August 15, 2010.</p> <p>The Commissioner shall present the recommendations of the stakeholders group to the Education Committee by January 15, 2011.</p>	<p>Meetings, as necessary, will be announced and scheduled in September and October, 2010 with updates to meet the benchmarks of the action required.</p>	<p>Jim Rier</p>

**Maine Department of Education
Stakeholder Groups and Report Backs
from Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature**

LD 1741, Resolve 2009, Chapter 200 -Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

Organizations	Appointees	Summary	Action Required	Meeting Schedules (Dates, Places & Times)	Contact		
Maine Developmental Disabilities Council -	Julia Bell	Most provisions were finally approved for adoption. (See Department of Education Informational Letter # 111 dated April 13, 2010) Three (3) Provisions expire June 20, 2011. On July 1, 2011, those revisions revert back to the rule in effect (June 15, 2009) unless the Legislature authorizes the final adoption of rule amendments in the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The Commissioner, no later than 30 days following the effective date of the Resolve, shall convene a 13 member stakeholder group from six representatives appointed by the Maine Education Advocacy Alliance (MEAA), six members appointed by the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC) and a member of the DOE appointed by the Commissioner. During the first meeting of the stakeholder group, the members may add an additional member who is a faculty member at a Maine public or private higher education institution and who has expertise in the field of special education. The stakeholder group will select a chair person and will	The effective date of the amended Rule was May 8, 2010.	May 17, 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group agreed to gather data on the three regulatory provisions• Once data forms have consensus department will develop web based reporting applications for data input from the beginning of school in September into December 2010. June 28, 2010, Room 103A Cross Office Bldg July 13, 2010, 8:30-3:00 Room 541 Cross Office Bldg July 26, 2010, 8:30-3:00 Room 500 Cross Office Bldg August 9, 2010, 8:30-3:00 Room 541 August 23, 2010 8:30-3:00 Room 500 September 7, 2010,	Jaci Holmes		
Maine School Boards Association –	Sandra MacArthur		The stakeholder group has been established and all appointments were made and accepted on May 5, 2010. The first meeting of the stakeholder group was convened on May 17, 2010.				
Maine Parent Federation / Maine Transition Network –	Jessica Libby Margaret Degon					Informational Letter # 111 was sent to Superintendents on April 13, 2010.	
Autism Society of Maine –	Alan Cobo-Lewis						Summary of the Rule provisions and action plan for the stakeholder group will be posted on the Department’s web page by June 21, 2010.
Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities –	Will Burrow						
Maine Education Association –	Vicki Amoroso						
Child Development Services Site Directors Group –	Lori Whittemore						
Disability Rights Center –	Karen Farber						
Learning Disabilities Association –	Phyllis Fischer						
Maine School Superintendents Association –	Frank Sherburne						
Maine Principals' Association -	Deb Emery						

**Maine Department of Education
Stakeholder Groups and Report Backs
from Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature**

Organizations	Appointees	Summary	Action Required	Meeting Schedules (Dates, Places & Times)	Contact
		<p>review the three (3) portions of the rule to expire June 30, 2011. The three portions address the definition of “educational performance” to include “functional performance”, provisions for a data based procedure for eligibility determination and provisions for an “abbreviated day”.</p> <p>The stakeholder group shall make recommendations to the Commissioner for suggested revisions to the major substantive rules by January 14, 2011.</p> <p>The Commissioner shall conduct a review of the Medicaid rate schedule for qualified licensed contractors and report findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by The Commissioner may submit provisionally adopted major substantive rules to the First Session of the 125th Legislature.</p>		<p>12:30-4:30 Room 541 September 20, 2010, 8:30-3:00 Room 500 October 13, 2010, 8:30-12:30 Room 541 October 25, 2010, 8:30-12:30 Room 500 November 1, 2010, 8:30-12:30 Room 541 November 22, 2010 8:30-3:00 Room 500</p>	

**Maine Department of Education
Stakeholder Groups and Report Backs
from Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature**

LD 1799, Public Law 2009, Chapter 646 - *An Act To Encourage the Use of Models in the Collection and Use of Student Achievement Data (GOVERNOR'S BILL)*

Organizations	Appointees	Summary	Action Required	Meeting Schedules (Dates, Places & Times)	Contact
Maine Education Association -	Chris Galgay Mark Gray	Eliminates the prohibition of the use / linkage of student assessment data in the establishment of models of evaluation of the professional performance of teachers and principals.	The stakeholder group completed the work and agreed on the components of two models on May 14, 2010.	The dates for three meetings have been scheduled for August 19, September 16, and December 1, 2010. Dates for October, and November, 2010 are still in the process of being scheduled. They will be announced when confirmed and other meetings will be announced when scheduled with updates to meet the benchmarks of the action required.	Wanda Monthey
Maine Principals' Association –	Linda Bleile Gus LeBlanc		The stakeholder group will continue to review and approve additional models in accordance with the July 1, 2011 deadline.		
Maine School Board's Association –	Maureen King Susan Campbell	The models must include multiple measures and the Commissioner of Education was directed to convene a stakeholder group to review and approve models (no later than July 1, 2011).			
Maine School Superintendent's Association -	Robert Hasson Sandra MacArthur	Local school administrative units who choose to link student assessment data with the evaluation of teachers and principals must choose from these approved models.			
Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities -	Carrie Thuston Jill Adams	These provisions and those of LD 1800 and LD 1801 were necessary to meet the requirements to submit a federal Race to the Top application but will continue to be an integral part of state initiatives around common core standards, student assessment, teacher evaluations, graduation requirements and future reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and other federal programs.			

**Maine Department of Education
Stakeholder Groups and Report Backs
from Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature**

Organizations	Appointees	Summary	Action Required	Meeting Schedules (Dates, Places & Times)	Contact
		<i>The Governor on April 14, 2010 issued Executive Order # 11 which ordered that the stakeholder group must approve at least one evaluation model for school use by May 14, 2010.</i>			